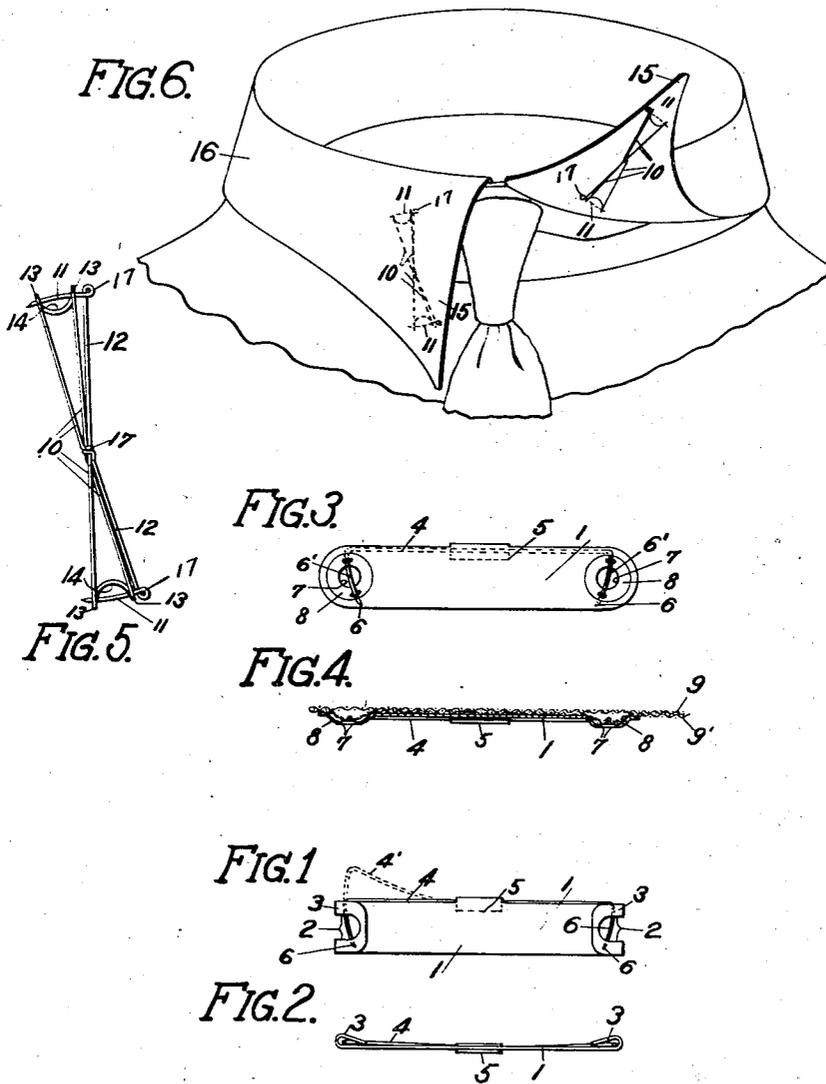


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## COLLAR TAB HOLDER

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This invention relates to men's collars of the soft variety and in which the tabs have a constant tendency to curl outward when on the person. The object of the invention is to provide a device for attaching to each collar tab which will prevent the outward curling of the tab as mentioned. Other objects of the invention are simplicity and cheapness of manufacture, also such a device which may easily be applied to the collar or removed, also one which will not be visible when in place.

In the drawing accompanying this application, several variations in form of the device are shown.

Figs. 1 and 2 are respectively plan and edge view of one form.

Figs. 3 and 4 are respectively plan and sectional view of another form.

Fig. 5 is a plan view of a further modification of the device, all made of wire, the preferred form.

Fig. 6 is a perspective view of a man's collar in place on a shirt and with my tab holder of Fig. 5 indicated in place on the collar tabs, one of the tabs being turned up to show more clearly just how it goes in place.

Briefly described, the device comprises an elongated body with a hook or pin at opposite ends arranged to engage the inner layer of cloth of the collar while the body of the device lies against the inner or under surface of the collar to hold it flat.

In Figs. 1 and 2 the body is a thin strip of metal 1 with its ends notched as at 2 and folded over to form small loops as at 3, while at one long edge of the body is a thin spring steel wire 4 held firmly in place by an ear 5 of metal from the body tightly crimped over it as indicated. This wire is provided with sharpened pins 6 bent substantially at right angles to the run of the wire and which normally extend through the loops 3. Each pin extends through two loops and across the notch or recess 2 as indicated, though the wire 4 may be sprung out to position 4' to withdraw the pins.

In Figs. 3 and 4 the body 1 of the device is also of thin metal but with the notches taking the form of round recesses 7 each surrounded by an outwardly extruded neck 8 pierced at opposite points to pass the points 6 of the pins 6', in a manner so that when a double layer of cloth 9, 9' as of flexible collar is pressed into the recesses (when the pins are withdrawn) the pins may be projected through the rear layer 9' only of the collar and thus hold these points separated and the collar tabs flat yet be entirely concealed from a position in front when the collar is in place.

In Fig. 5 a device corresponding to that of Fig.

1 is shown, but it is made entirely of spring wire. In this view the wire body is designated 10 and is shown twisted together at 17 to hold the wires in place. The pins are designated 11, their spring arms 12, the small loops through which the pins pass, 13, the recesses 14. This construction is applied to the inner surface of the tabs of a collar in the manner described for Fig. 4 and in the general position shown in Fig. 6, it being understood that the devices are applied to the under side of the collar tabs before the collar is put on. The use of these devices will hold the tabs of the collar flat and in position against the shirt as shown for the tab 15 of the collar 16 at the left of the drawing in Fig. 6. The other tab in this view is turned up merely to show the position of the wire form of my invention in place.

In the form shown in Fig. 5, it is to be noted that the pins 11 are extensions of the arms 12 and form outwardly projecting loops 17 where they are bent to extend at right angles to the arms 12, which loops provide means for easily grasping the pins to withdraw them from the cloth of the shirt collar.

One of the features of the invention is the fact that the pins 11 are sufficiently small to pass through the cloth of the collar without breaking the fabric, so that the collars are not injured in any way and can be turned when worn without alteration or repairs being necessary.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is:—

1. A collar tab holder comprising a flat elongated body formed with a recess at each end, spring wire arms carried by the body, each provided with a pin normally projected across the recess, by force of the spring and a small loop adjacent the recess through which said pins pass, said body and arms all formed of wire bent to form and tied together.

2. A collar tab holder comprising a flat elongated body formed with a recess at each end, spring wire arms carried by the body, each provided with a pin normally projected across the recess, by force of the spring, and a small loop adjacent the recess through which said pins pass, said body and arms all formed of wire bent to form and tied together by twisting of the body wires together at a point intermediate the ends of the body.

3. A collar tab holder comprising a flat elongated body formed with a recess at each end, spring wire arms each rigidly secured at one end to the body and the opposite end provided with

a pin normally projected across the recess adapted to be withdrawn from across the recess against the force of the spring, and a small loop adjacent the recess through which said pins pass.

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to the body and at the opposite end provided with a pin normally projected across the recess adapted to be withdrawn from across the recess against the force of the spring and a small loop at opposite sides of each recess and through which loops said pins pass.

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